

Claim 47: (Original) A kit useful in transfecting or transforming a cell comprising:

- (i) the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 41, and
- (ii) an isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes an HLA molecule.

Claim 48: (Original) The kit of claim 47, wherein said HLA molecule is HLA-Cw6 or HLA-A29.

Claim 49: (Canceled)

Claim 50: (Canceled)

Claim 51 (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 41, the nucleotide sequence of which is set forth in SEQ ID NO: 14.

REMARKS

Entry of the amendment is requested. Claims 41-48 and 51 are presented.

The Examiner refers to the amendment of October 30, 2002. The Examiner does not refer to the Notice of January 28, 2003, or the response of February 3, 2003. This is required. The Examiner is called upon to acknowledge and address the error.

With respect to point 2, applicants are aware that they elected SEQ ID NO: 14. The Examiner is reminded that the election was with traverse, and a petition is pending before the Group Director.

New proposed drawing changes are attached.

The Examiner's objection to the specification is noted; however, her suggested amendments are improper. Proper amendments are presented.

Page 26 does not present a hyperlink. According to MPEP 608.01(O), page 600-60:

“Examples of a hyperlink or a browser executable code are a URL placed between these symbols ‘< >’ and http:// followed by a URL address.”

Since page 26 does not so state, the objection is unfounded.

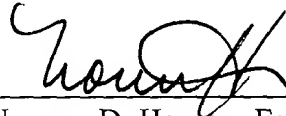
Regarding points 5, 6, 7, 8a, 9, 10, and 11, claim 49 is cancelled. Regarding point 8b, claim 50 is cancelled and replaced by claim 51, correcting the error.

Regarding point 13, as was noted, supra, a petition has been filed.

All issues have been addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

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